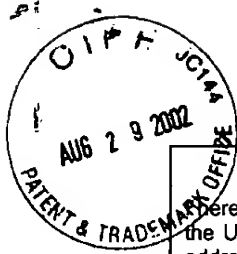


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Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated May 24, 2002 from Examiner Paul B. Prebilic of Art Unit 3738 has been received and reviewed. The following is in response thereto.

AMENDMENT A

In the claims:

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

44. (Once amended) The device of claim 40, wherein the polyimide coating is formed by applying a photocurable polyimide pre-cursor on the core of the haptic, and then curing the polyimide pre-cursor.

REMARKS

Claim Objection

Claim 44 has been amended to overcome the claim rejection set forth in the Office Action.